

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF

ELLSWORTH, N.H.

Year Ending

December 31, 1980

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TOWN OFFICERS

1980

MODERATOR

Alfred Hunt
William J. Deachman
Marshall Clayton

TOWN CLERK

Anne T. Packard

SELECTMEN

Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt
William L. Johnstone

TAX COLLECTOR

Anne T. Packard

TREASURER

Clifford Hillier

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Katherine Deachman
Jean F. Johnstone
Jane Cantlin

AUDITORS

William Cantlin
Janet Zwicker

CHIEF OF POLICE

Owen Zwicker Jr.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 1981

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at 6:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. (Salaries - Town Officers' Expenses - Election and Registration - Town House Expenses) \$4,245.00.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,900.00 for maintenance and repair of Highways and Bridges. (Summer - \$1,900.00 -- Winter - \$3,000.00).

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78.81 as Town share of Town Road Aid (TRA) (State share - \$525.43).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Thornton Dump and \$100.00 for the use of the Rumney Dump.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 to cover the cost of insurance.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Campton Fire Department and \$100.00 for the Rumney Fire Department.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of Cemeteries.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the expenses of the Police Department.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144.04 to be used by the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency as Ellsworth's share in helping to defray the expenses of operating a Visiting Nurses and Therapeutics Service in the area.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$66.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1981. These funds will be used for financing staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance to member communities, coordination with local, State and Federal agencies, and other programs of the Council. These funds may be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 12: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be in an amount of 100% of the cost of the solar energy system up to \$10,000.00?

Article 13: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:66 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a wind powered energy system which exemption shall be in an amount of 100% of the cost of the wind powered energy system up to \$10,000.00?

Article 14: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:70 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a wood heating energy system which exemption shall be in an amount of 100% of the cost of the wood heating energy system up to \$5,000.00?

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Representatives and Senators who represent the Town in the General Court to support in the current session of the General Court, the concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution to limit the annual increase in both taxes and spending by the state or any city, town, or other governmental unit of the state to five percent unless approved by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting of such taxing or spending authority.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents and Officers.

Article 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt
William L. Johnstone

A true copy of warrant - Attest:

Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt
William L. Johnstone

March 10, 1981

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named Town, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the residence of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, being public places in said Town, on the 23rd day of February, 1981.

Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt
William L. Johnstone

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH, N.H.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1981

| | Approp. Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Expend- itures Previous Fiscal Year | Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1981 |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION | | | |
| <u>General Government:</u> | | | |
| Town officers' salaries | \$ 2,420.00 | \$2,420.00 | \$ 3,320.00 |
| Town officers' expenses | 1,000.00 | 748.07 | 800.00 |
| Election and Registration expenses | 50.00 | 28.40 | 25.00 |
| Expenses Town Hall & other bldgs. | 1,100.00 | 1,157.28 | 100.00 |
| North Country Council | | | 66.00 |
| <u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u> | | | |
| Police Department | 100.00 | -- | 100.00 |
| Fire Dept., inc. forest fires | 200.00 | 244.26 | 250.00 |
| Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,344.00 | 1,400.00 |
| <u>Health Department:</u> | | | |
| Health Dept.-Hospital-Ambulance | 124.95 | 124.95 | 144.04 |
| Town Dumps and Garbage Removal | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| <u>Highways and Bridges:</u> | | | |
| Town Road Aid | 79.64 | 593.54 | 78.01 |
| Town Maint. (S/1900, W/3000) | 4,900.00 | 4,960.61 | 4,900.00 |
| Gen. expenses of highway dept. | -- | 78.00 | 100.00 |
| Bridge Town Share | 15,625.00 | -- | -- |
| <u>Public Services Enterprises:</u> | | | |
| Cemeteries | <u>100.00</u> | <u>31.50</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$27,299.59 | \$12,030.61 | \$11,683.85 |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes | | | 8,894.76 |
| AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) | | | \$2,789.09 |

| | Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year |
|---|---|--|--|
| SOURCES OF REVENUE | | | |
| <u>From Local Taxes:</u> | | | |
| Resident Taxes | \$ 350.00 | \$ 420.00 | \$ 350.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 900.00 | 276.89 | 900.00 |
| Interest of Delinquent Taxes | 50.00 | 71.48 | 50.00 |
| Resident Tax Penalties | -- | 9.00 | -- |
| Inventory Penalties | -- | 30.00 | -- |
| <u>From State:</u> | | | |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 235.00 | 233.09 | 235.00 |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 30.00 | 52.36 | 50.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 100.00 | 76.77 | 100.00 |
| Highway Subsidy | 1,476.10 | 1,434.92 | 1,369.33 |
| Town Road Aid | 530.95 | 218.40 | 524.43 |
| National Forest Reserve | -- | 4,088.24 | 2,000.00 |
| Reimb. a/c State-Fed. Forest Land | 2,000.00 | 936.00 | 950.00 |
| Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires | -- | 22.13 | 25.00 |
| Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax | 100.00 | 177.64 | 150.00 |
| <u>From Local Sources, Except Taxes:</u> | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permits Fees | 1,400.00 | 1,869.50 | 1,500.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 75.00 | 104.50 | 100.00 |
| Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees | 10.00 | 19.00 | 10.00 |
| Interest Received on Deposits | -- | 256.11 | 100.00 |
| Surplus 1979 | 3,000.00 | -- | -- |
| Federal Grants Forest Service for Bridge | 7,031.25 | -- | -- |
| <u>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:</u> | | | |
| Revenue Sharing Fund | -- | 456.00 | 481.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS | \$17,287.35 | \$10,752.03 | \$8,894.76 |

1980 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Land | \$1,220,850.00 | |
| Buildings | 839,950.00 | |
| Public Utility - Electric | 15,500.00 | |
| Trailers | <u>35,000.00</u> | |
| TOTAL | | \$2,111,300.00 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Total Town Appropriations | \$27,300.00 |
| Total Revenue and Credits | 20,977.00 |
| Net Town Appropriations | 6,323.00 |
| County Tax Assessment | 4,294.00 |
| Total Tax Assessment | 10,617.00 |
| Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement | 178.00 |
| Add War Service Tax Credits | 450.00 |
| Add Overlay | <u>89.76</u> |
| PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED | \$10,978.76 |
| Town Property Taxes Assessed | \$10,978.76 |
| Less War Service Tax Credit | <u>450.00</u> |
| NET PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT | \$10,528.76 |

1980 Tax Rate (Town \$0.32; County \$0.20) \$0.52

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF 1980

| | 1980 Approp. Fiscal Year | 1980 Actual Expended | 1980 Over- Expended | 1980 Under- Expended |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
| <u>General Government:</u> | | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 2,420.00 | \$ 2,420.00 | \$ | \$ |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 1,000.00 | 748.07 | | 251.93 |
| Election & Registration | 50.00 | 28.40 | | 21.60 |
| Town House Expenses | 1,100.00 | 1,157.28 | 57.28 | |
| <u>Protection of Persons & Property:</u> | | | | |
| Police Department | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Fire Department | 200.00 | 244.26 | 44.26 | |
| Insurance | 1,300.00 | 1,344.00 | 44.00 | |
| <u>Health:</u> | | | | |
| Health Dept.-Hosp.-Amb. | 124.95 | 124.95 | | |
| Dumps | 300.00 | 300.00 | | |
| <u>Highways & Bridges:</u> | | | | |
| Town Road Aid | 79.64 | 593.54 | 513.90 | |
| Town Maintenance | 4,900.00 | 4,960.61 | 60.61 | |
| General Highway ('79 Appro.) | 50.00 | 78.00 | 28.00 | |
| Widen Road ('79 Appro.) | 1,200.00 | 355.68 | | 844.32 |
| <u>Public Service Enterprises:</u> | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 100.00 | 31.50 | | 68.50 |
| | <u>\$12,924.59</u> | <u>\$12,386.29</u> | <u>\$748.05</u> | <u>\$1,286.35</u> |

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Cash:</u> | | |
| In Hands of Treasurer | \$12,968.36 | |
| TOTAL | | \$12,968.36 |
| <u>Accounts Due to the Town:</u> | | |
| Due From State | | |
| From TRA | 295.50 | |
| Other | | |
| From Forest Service for Bridge #122-079 | 7,031.25 | |
| TOTAL | | \$ 7,326.75 |
| <u>Uncollected Taxes:</u> | | |
| Levy of 1980, inc. Resident Taxes | 3,183.61 | |
| Levy of 1979 | 67.23 | |
| Levy of 1977 | 54.60 | |
| TOTAL | | \$3,305.44 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$23,600.55 |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | | \$23,600.55 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Accounts Owed by the Town:</u> | | |
| Unexpended Balances of Special Approp. | \$11,306.00 | |
| Surplus | \$3,000.00 | |
| 1980 Tax | 1,275.00 | |
| Forest Service | 7,031.00 | |
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund | 456.00 | |
| Unexpended State Highway Subsidy Funds | 517.69 | |
| Dog License Fees Collected - Not remitted | 10.50 | |
| Yield Tax Deposits | 4,652.75 | |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN | | \$16,942.94 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$16,942.94 |
| CURRENT SURPLUS (Excess of assets over liabilities) | | 6,657.61 |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | | \$23,600.55 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Town House, Land and Building | \$7500.00 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK 1980

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Automobile Registrations | \$1869.50 |
| Dog Licenses | 104.50 |
| Other Fees Collected | 6.00 |
| Total Remitted to Treasurer | \$1980.00 |

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
1980

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1980

- DR -

Taxes Committed to Collector:

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Property Taxes | \$10529.36 |
| Resident Taxes | 420.00 |

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Total Warrants | \$10949.36 |
|----------------|------------|

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| Yield Taxes | 433.80 |
|-------------|--------|

| | |
|--|-------|
| Inventory Penalties Collected | 30.00 |
| Penalties Collected on Delinquent Resident Taxes | 2.00 |

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$11415.16 |
|--------------|------------|

- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | \$7839.55 |
| Resident Taxes | 350.00 |
| Inventory Penalties | 30.00 |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | 2.00 |
| | \$8221.55 |

Abatements Made During Year:

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Resident Taxes | 10.00 |
|----------------|-------|

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1980:
(As Per Collector's List)

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | \$2689.81 |
| Resident Taxes | 60.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 433.80 |
| | \$3183.61 |

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$11415.16 |
|---------------|------------|

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1979

- DR -

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1980:

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | \$2146.51 | |
| Resident Taxes | 90.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 276.89 | |
| | | \$2513.40 |
| Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes | | 57.28 |
| Inventory penalties collected | | 120.00 |
| Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes | | 7.00 |
| Added Taxes: | | |
| Costs for Collecting Property Taxes | | 14.30 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$2711.98 |

- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | \$2113.36 | |
| Resident Taxes | 70.00 | |
| Yield Taxes | 276.89 | |
| Interest Collected | 53.20 | |
| Inventory Penalties | 110.00 | |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | 7.00 | |
| Costs Collected | 14.30 | |
| | | \$2644.75 |

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1980
(As Per Collector's List)

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 33.15 | |
| Resident Taxes | 30.00 | |
| Inventory penalty | 10.00 | |
| Interest Uncollected | 4.08 | |
| | | \$ 67.23 |

| | | |
|---------------|--|-----------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$2711.98 |
|---------------|--|-----------|

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1977

- DR -

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1980:

| | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Property Taxes | \$54.60 | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$54.60 |

- CR -

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980:

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Property Taxes | -0- | |
| Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1980 (As Per Collector's List) | | |
| Property Taxes | \$54.60 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$54.60 |

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1980

| | | | |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| | | 1977 LEVY | |
| James King | | \$ 54.60 | |
| | | 1979 LEVY | |
| Paul Rebinskas | | \$ 33.15* | |
| | | 1980 LEVY | |
| Ralph and Theresa Batchelder | | \$132.26 | |
| William and Jane Cantlin | | 253.76 | |
| William Clark | | 156.78 | |
| Leonard Clayton | | 4.94 | |
| Leonard Clayton | | 210.34 | |
| Deachman, VanArsdale and Coughlin | | 154.70 | |
| Deachman and Wyman (1/2) | | 93.60 | |
| Deachman, VanArsdale and Nichols (2/3) | | 109.91 | |
| Robert Demmons | | 27.04 | |
| Norman Fadden | | 118.30 | |
| James Frederick | | 25.22* | |
| Bruce and Margaret Grimes | | 46.28 | |
| Estate of Irene Landers Hart | | 47.32* | |
| Hans Jorgensen | | 62.40 | |
| Ronald LaPointe | | 7.80 | |
| Richard and Regina Kipp | | 235.56 | |
| Vera Lawson Heirs | | 2.60 | |
| Randolph Leslie | | 22.62 | |
| Gerald Loiselle etal. | | 133.38* | |
| Warren and Rita Lowe | | * | |
| Theodore and Elaine Matte | | 166.14 | |
| Owner or Owners Unknown | | 18.20 | |
| Owner or Owners Unknown | | 15.86 | |
| Owner or Owners Unknown | | 99.06 | |
| Howard and Ellen Pritham | | 44.72 | |
| Paul Rebinskas | | 44.20* | |
| Whitman Richards | | 196.82 | |
| David Smith | | 44.72 | |
| Lyle Thompson | | 10.92 | |
| John Tobin | | 169.26* | |
| Ralph and Linda Zampa | | 35.10* | |
| Joseph Bruno | | * | |
| TOTAL UNPAID 1980 PROPERTY TAXES | | | \$2689.81 |

UNPAID 1979 RESIDENT TAXES

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Peter and Cheryl Magnant | \$ 20.00 |
|--------------------------|----------|

* Inventory Penalty Due

UNPAID 1980 RESIDENT TAXES

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Ken and Terri Carlucci | \$20.00 |
| Diane Clark | 10.00 |
| William S. Clark | 10.00 |
| Peter Minnon | 10.00 |
| Joan Scott | 10.00 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| TOTAL UNPAID RESIDENT TAXES 1980 | \$60.00 |
|----------------------------------|---------|

UNPAID 1980 YIELD TAXES

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Gary Ladd | \$433.80 |
|-----------|----------|

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| TOTAL UNPAID 1980 TAXES | \$3291.36 |
|-------------------------|-----------|

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1980, on account of the tax levy of 1977, 1979 and 1980, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anne T. Packard
Tax Collector
Ellsworth, NH

REPORT OF TREASURER

1980

January 1, 1980 Balance
Total Receipts 1980

\$ 3830.62
21295.81

\$25126.43

Total Payments 1980

16882.14

December 31, 1980 Balance

\$ 8244.29

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank

Account # 55428

Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account
Roland Downing

\$ 109.33

Account # 60620

Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account
Cersosimo Lumber Co., Inc.

3529.75

Account # 62195

Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account
Gary Ladd

466.50

Account # 44836 (Duplicate)

Town of Ellsworth
Town House Account

147.96

TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

\$4253.54

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer)

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Property taxes - Current Year - 1980 | \$ 7,869.55 |
| Resident taxes - Current Year - 1980 | 350.00 |
| Property taxes & yield taxes previous years | 2,496.27 |
| Resident taxes previous years | 70.00 |
| Interest received on delinquent taxes | 71.48 |
| Penalties: Resident taxes | 9.00 |

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED

10,866.30

From State:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 233.09 |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 52.36 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 76.77 |
| Highway Subsidy | 1,434.92 |
| Town Road Aid | 218.40 |
| National Forest Reserve (1979-1980) | 4,088.24 |
| Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land | 936.00 |
| Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires | 22.13 |
| Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax | 177.64 |

TOTAL RECEIPT FROM STATE

7,239.55

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits Fees | 1,869.50 |
| Dog Licenses | 104.50 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 19.00 |
| Interest Received on Deposits | 256.11 |

TOTAL INCOME FROM LOCAL SOURCES

2,249.11

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 646.50 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE

646.50

Grants from Federal Government Revenue Sharing

456.00

TOTAL GRANTS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

456.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

21,457.46

Cash on hand January 1, 1980

8,298.58

GRAND TOTAL

\$29,756.04

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$2,420.00 | |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 751.97 | |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 28.40 | |
| Town Hall & Other Buildings Expenses | 1,157.28 | |
| Total General Governmental Expenses | | \$ 4,357.65 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

| | | |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| Fire Department, inc. forest fires | 244.26 | |
| Insurance | 1,344.00 | |
| Total Protection of Persons and Property Expenses | | <u>1,588.26</u> |

HEALTH:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Health Department | 124.95 | |
| Town Dumps and Garbage Removal | 300.00 | |
| Total Health Expenses | | <u>424.95</u> |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Town Road Aid | 593.54 | |
| Town Maintenance | 4,960.61 | |
| General Expenses and Highway Dept. | 78.00 | |
| Other Highways and Bridges Expenses | 355.68 | |
| Total Highways and Bridges Expenses | | <u>5,987.83</u> |

PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:

| | | |
|--|-------|--------------|
| Cemeteries | 31.50 | |
| Total Public Service Enterprise Expenses | | <u>31.50</u> |

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

| | | |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| Payment to State a/c Dog License Fees | 10.50 | |
| Payments to State a/c 2% Bond & Debt Retire. Taxes | 92.99 | |
| Taxes paid to County | 4,294.00 | |
| Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | | <u>4,397.49</u> |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES | 16,787.68 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand December 31, 1980 | 12,968.36 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | <u>\$29,756.04</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|

AUDITOR' REPORT

We have examined the reports and records of Ellsworth. Our examination included various checks of accounting records we deemed appropriate.

To the best of our knowledge these reports and records fairly and accurately report the financial activities of the town.

William Cantlin .
Janet Zwicker

March 1, 1981

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Forest Fire Prevention: Your Business, Our Business, Good Business.

Forest fire prevention slogans have been seen in association with Smokey Bear since the late nineteen forties when a national effort to check the spread of forest fires was implemented.

New Hampshire residents recognized what forest fire prevention and suppression was the responsibility of every citizen, a half century before this national campaign, when our legislature established our first forest fire laws in 1903. Since that date, the State has appointed a town/city forest fire warden who is responsible for forest fire law enforcement in his municipality.

All fires kindled out of doors when there is no snow on the ground must be approved in writing by the forest fire warden before being kindled. All forest fires must be suppressed by the warden and his deputies as soon as they are reported. The cost of fire suppression is shared jointly by the town/city and the State of New Hampshire, as are forest fire prevention and forest fire training costs.

The state and local municipality cooperative forest fire program has given New Hampshire one of the best forest fire records in the United States.

Forest Fire Statistics 1980

| | No. of Fires* | No. of Acres** |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| State | 1226 | 693 |
| District | 20 | 21½ |
| Town | 0 | 0 |
| John Q Ricard District Fire Chief | Owen R. Zwicker, Jr. Forest Fire Warden | |

* Includes Short Fire Reports

** Includes Woods and grass

REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Grafton County:

In an effort to communicate more directly with the taxpaying citizens of Grafton County, we, the Grafton County Commissioners, are writing to you through your individual town or municipal reports.

Due to inflated Nursing Home expenses with somewhat reduced revenues and rapidly increasing costs of welfare reimbursements to the State, our budget year ended very close to the line, with a \$3,620 surplus. Because of the Delegation's decision to use a two-year surplus in one budget year to allow citizens a reduced county tax in FY 1980, the 1981 fiscal year budget resulted in a heavier tax factor making up that decrease as well as offsetting reduced revenues and allowing for standard budget increases.

As with towns, the county welfare assistance programs are increasing and becoming more involved, especially with the current energy crunch and rapidly inflating economy. We also foresee a possible decrease in Federal and State contributions to social service programs which could have considerable impact on local budgets.

The sewage disposal system has progressed slightly, with planning completed and ready to go out for bid. If all goes well, we may be able to submit a final report next year.

The Commissioners worked closely with the Nursing Home Employee Council to set up a wage/benefit package more compatible to the State program for Glencliff employees. The Commissioners hope to work out a job description/wage scale plan for courthouse employees in the near future.

Grafton County is gradually converting from a bookkeeping machine system to a computerized system for all county accounts. Payroll was converted effective January 1, 1980, and vendor payment and receipt programs were recently added. Patient accounts and purchase order programs will be added later. The system is too new for comprehensive comments, but we anticipate constructive changes in the overall accounting and reporting system.

The Commissioners hold their regular meeting every Monday (except holidays) at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Office of the Grafton County Courthouse, followed by a second meeting at the Grafton County Nursing Home Complex at 1:00 P.M., which regularly includes visits to farm and jail facilities. Public and press are welcome, and, in fact, are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Richard L. Bradley, Chairman

Dorothy Campion, Clerk

Arthur E. Snell

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Salaries

The 1981 budget reflects salary increases as follows:

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Salary</u> | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---|---------|--------------|
| Moderator | \$50.00 | + | \$20.00 | per election |
| Town Clerk | 400.00 | + | 20.00 | " " |
| Selectmen | | | | |
| Chairman | 600.00 | | | |
| Selectmen | 500.00 | | | |
| Tax Collector | 500.00 | | | |
| Treasurer | 300.00 | | | |
| Supervisors of the | | | | |
| Checklist | 60.00 | + | 20.00 | " " |
| Auditors | 50.00 | | | |
| Police Chief | 300.00 | | | |

On the basis of these salaries, the total Town Officers' Salaries for a non-election year would be \$3,320.00. Salaries for a state election year would be \$3,580.00, and salaries for a state and federal election year would be \$3,680.00.

It has been brought to our attention that the need for a Police Department is questionable. It is our recommendation that this department be abolished. After conversations with the Attorney General's Office, we have been assured that the Town is not required to have a Police Department. Protection could be provided at the State and/or County level. If abolished, the Town would realize a savings in the 1981 budget as presented in the 1980 Town Report of \$900.00 (insurance, \$500.00; salary, \$300.00; budget for Police Department, \$100.00).

The State requires that all persons who did not vote in the 1980 November Election and the 1981 Town Meeting be required to re-register to vote at a Supervisors of the Checklist meeting to be held in April 1981. Notice of this meeting will be posted in the local newspaper.

We are pleased to report that the final plans for the bridge project have been approved and it is hoped that construction will be completed this year.

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

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